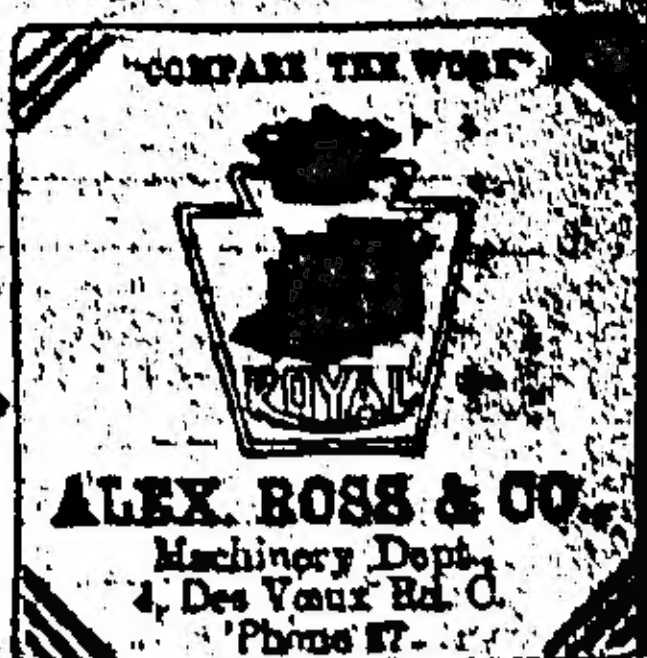


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RATIFICATIONS.

PARIS, October 7.
A decree has been signed by the King of Italy, ratifying the peace
treaties with Germany and Austria. Thus two of the principal Allies have
signed the treaty. It is anticipated the French ratification will be made
this week, making the third signature, whereafter the Treaty of Versailles
comes into force.

BOLSHEVIST WAR.

STOCKHOLM, October 7.
Reports from Reval show that Rodzianko's offensive against the
Bolsheviks promises satisfactorily. The railway line between Pskoff and
Petrograd is cut, forcing the Bolsheviks to a difficult retirement along the
roads.

HUNGARY.

RUMANIANS WITHDRAW, AND BRITISH-ITALIAN
TROOPS ENTER.

BERLIN, October 7.
Vienna reports that the withdrawal of Rumanian troops has begun.
Hungarian troops have replaced the Rumanians at Rab, Veszprem and
Stuhlweisburg. 1,800 British troops have arrived at Budapest, and
2,000 Italians are expected. Both are destined for policing work after the
departure of the Rumanians.

PRESIDENT WILSON MENDING.

WASHINGTON, October 7.
Yesterday night the bulletin said that President Wilson had spent a
comfortable day, and that he continues to improve.

AMERICAN STEEL STRIKE.

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED.

CHICAGO, October 7.
Following a parade of 2,000 striking steelworkers at Gary, Indiana,
martial law was declared there and in east Chicago, Indiana. 1,000
federal troops are stationed at Gary owing to the inability of the state
militia to handle the situation.

FREEDOM OF LONDON FOR GEN. ALLENBY.

DISTINGUISHED ASSEMBLY.

LONDON, Oct. 7.
There was a most distinguished gathering at the Guildhall on the occasion
of the conferment of the freedom of the City of London on General
Allenby, who was accompanied by his wife. The company included Emir
Feisal, Marshal Haig, the Premier, Mr. Bonar Law, and other mem-
bers of the cabinet, with a number of leading generals, the Archbishop of
Canterbury, and the Chief Rabbi. After the time-honoured ceremony there
was the customary lunch at the Mansion House. Mr. Lloyd George was
cheered en route.

FRENCH RAILWAY WORKERS.

DEMAND DOUBLE PAY.

PARIS, October 7.
Without consulting the railwaymen's federation, the Paris state rail-
waymen have asked all the other railwaymen of France to take an urgent
decision with regard to a proposal to demand a new hundred per cent. rise
of wages plus the present bonuses, with a minimum wage of 800 francs
monthly.

KHO OF THE RAILWAY STRIKE.

NO IMMEDIATE JOBS FOR SOME STRIKERS.

LONDON, October 7.
The ministry of transport stated yesterday evening that there has been
a little difficulty in some places in the country because all the men were
not taken on immediately. The dislocation of traffic made it impossible
for everyone to resume immediately but it is hoped that everything will be
normal to-day.

YACHTING.

AMERICA MAY NOW ACCEPT LIPTON'S CHALLENGE.

NEW YORK, October 7.
The challenge for the America cup received from the Royal Ulster
Yacht Club on behalf of Sir Thomas Lipton is expected to be accepted.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

NEW ARRANGEMENT MEANS NEW PARTY GROUPINGS.

PARIS, October 7.
Never since the fall of the empire have the parliamentary elections
caused such speculation as now. This is due to the fact that the voting
will be by departments instead of by districts. 87 electoral departments
replace 600 districts. Hence the elector, instead of voting for a single
deputy, will vote for as many as are allocated to his department. The
largest department is the Seine which includes Paris, and returns 54
deputies. Hitherto the royalists and socialists have not participated in the
general regrouping of parties which is proceeding in consequence of the
altered conditions, but it is expected the socialists of several departments
will group with the radicals. The date of the elections is probably in
November.

HAYAS REVIEW.

HUN OFFICERS TO BE TRIED.

PARIS, October 7.
In peace conference circles in Paris it was stated yesterday that
despite American opposition, the French, British, and Belgian lists of
officers whom Germany is to be called upon to deliver to the Allies
under the responsibilities clause of the Treaty of Versailles are prac-
tically completed. These lists will be combined and handed to the
supreme war council within a month. France's list will call for more
than a hundred German military chiefs and subordinates who will be
charged with having broken the laws of war on French territory.
It is expected in conference circles that Japan will ratify the Treaty
of Versailles about October 15 and Japan will thus be the fourth great
Power ratifying.

KEEPING OUT THE HUNS.

HOME OFFICE PERMIT TO
LAND NEEDED.

No former enemy alien may land
in the United Kingdom, except by
permission of the Home Secretary
and no other alien may land except
with the leave of an immigration
officer, says an Order in Council
dealing with aliens' restriction,
published in the London Gazette, and
coming into force on September 1.
The Home Secretary is given large
powers to vary the order as he
deems fit in the public interest.

Leave to land will not be given
unless the alien is in a position to
support himself or is coming to a
job and produces a permit in writing
for his engagement issued to the
employer by the Minister of Labour.
He must not be mentally deficient,
and must not have been previously
deported from this country.

An alien must register in the district
in which he lives, and must produce
to the registration officer a passport
with photograph, issued not more
than five years previously, or
some other documents establish-
ing satisfactorily his nationality and
identity. He must also supply full
details concerning himself. If absent
for two months from his place of
residence he must give his new
address to the registration officer of
the district in which he is then living,
and also report every further change
of address. If he is in lodgings the
head of the household must report to
the registration officer.

A register of aliens above 16 years
of age must be kept in all hotels and
lodging and boarding houses where
such are received, and this must give
the dates of arrival and departure,
and the addresses from which they
came and the places for which they
leave. The chief of police in each
district shall be the registration
officer, and he also must keep a re-
gister of the aliens in his district.

The Home Secretary has power,
on the recommendation of the Ad-
miralty, Army Council, or Air Council,
to declare any area a protected area
and to forbid any alien from entering
or remaining there. He may also
forbid any aliens from surveying or
making sketches or photographs, the
use or possession of any machine or
apparatus, and the holding of any
interest in land within the area. Ex-
emptions may, however, be given
with the consent of the Home
Secretary.

Clubs, restaurants, and places of
amusement may be closed with the
authority of the Home Secretary, by
the chief of the police if he thinks
they are frequented by criminal or
disloyal aliens or are conducted in a
disorderly manner. The police will
also have power to enter by force if
necessary, and search such premises.
Foreign members of the diplomatic
service, with their households and
staffs, are exempted from the order,
unless the Home Secretary decides
otherwise; as are also aliens who
are receiving full pay as members of
the Navy, Army, or Air Force, and
their wives or children under 21.

The ports at which aliens may
only land are:

London, Cardiff, Tyne Ports, Dover,
Liverpool, Hull, Folkestone, Glasgow,
Grimsby, Newcastle, Leith and Granton,
Harwich, Southampton, Merville, Ply-
mouth, Grangemouth, Queenstown
and Bristol.

And the air stations: Lympne
(Kent), Felixstowe, and Hounslow.

THE SULTAN'S WAR MEDAL.

The following shows those officers
and men who are entitled to the
medal granted by the Sultan of
Egypt:

Medal in silver. (a) To all troops
who definitely belonged to, or who
were attached to the staff or a unit
of the Western Frontier Force, under
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Pasha, and who were in Nahud or
west of it between March 1 and
December 31, 1916. (b) To all
troops who were employed under El
Bimbashi P. El Wylie, Eastern
Arab Corps, and subsequently
under El Bimbashi A. J. R. Lamb,
Cavalry and Mounted Infantry in
the Dongola Province, between
March 31, 1916, and October 31,
1916. (c) To the troops forming the
garrison of El Obeid, and to detach-
ments of the Royal Air Force and
Mechanical Transport, who were at
Rahad between March 1 and Decem-
ber 31, 1916. Clasp in silver, in-
scribed "Dafur 1916." (d) To all
troops who qualify for the medal,
and who were in Nahud or west of
it between March 1 and December
31, 1916. Clasp in silver, inscribed
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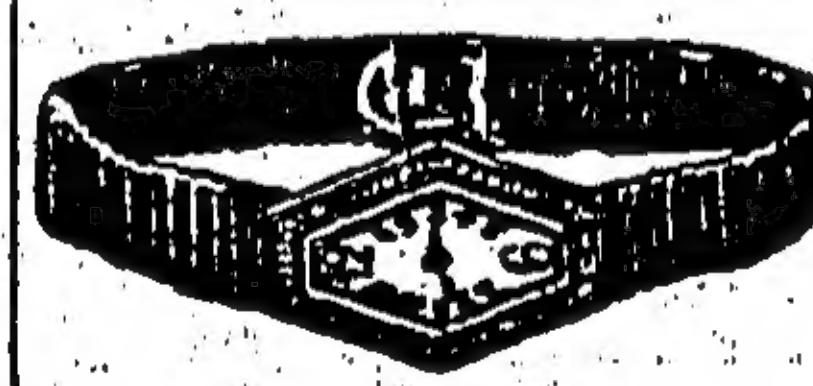
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PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
 THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Hon. the CAPT. SVR., of Police to sell by Public Auction.

FRIDAY,
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 Hongkong, October 7, 1919.

SATURDAY,
 October 11, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

A Quantity of RICE and HARIKOT BEANS.
 Terms—Cash.
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SATURDAY,
 October 11, 1919, at 10.30 a.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, Corner of Ice House Street.

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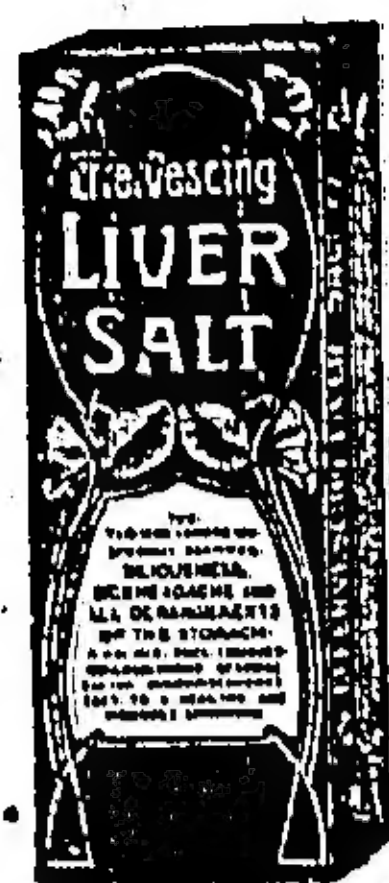
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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCT. 9, 1919.

HONGKONG LAND CORNERING.

His Excellency the Governor must by now have realized that the area of land available for homesteading is tragically small in view of the size and the needs of our community. In the best conceivable circumstances there is not enough to go round. Has his Excellency discovered, we wonder, that considerable areas are being held by rich speculators for a rise, undeveloped and useless to the community? The *China Mail* is advised that this is so. There is supposed to be a provision in the Crown leases that these lands are to be developed or built upon within two years of their cession. Where this stipulation is disregarded, the Crown rents may be and perhaps are trebled. It will be obvious to any thoughtful person that such a penalty is not a sufficient deterrent to a rich land or building company or speculator on a large scale, because it pays such people to retard the development of such properties to the enhancement of the value of their existing ones. What they lose on the swings they gain on the roundabouts, and by such artificial inflation of values, by this dog-in-the-manger policy, they are enabled when the time comes to more than recoup themselves for the slightly higher rents they have paid to the Government for the privilege. The Government seems to gain a little immediately by it, but its ultimate loss, through non-development, must surely be considerable. Besides, it seems to put the Government in the position of licensing profiteering for the sake of the licence fees. If his Excellency have time to call for a return from the Land Office of all the lands so leased and unused, and insist upon getting it, if he then find that the situation is somewhat as we have here tried to represent it, may we with respectful emphasis submit that he will then see the importance of devising some more prohibitive penalty? The suggestion that offers itself at once is that the Government should forfeit or resume all lands in respect of which the conditions as to building and development have not been timely observed.

It is indeed a shameful thing in an over-crowded city to see residential areas reserved, idle and useless, for the future higher profit of more speculators who are rich enough to be able to afford to wait while the activities and needs of the community conspire to increment their wealth.

One of our Chinese telegrams yesterday mentioned that America had protested against an increase of the number of Japanese troops in Siberia. We should like to know more about that. It is rather important. We understand that the number of Japanese troops sent to Siberia was in any case greater than was bargained for. It was about twenty times the strength originally agreed upon, and if it is true that the force is being increased (which is not yet certain) we can quite easily understand a protest coming from America. The greater proportion of the Japanese expeditionary force was sent by virtue of the 1918 agreement between China and Japan, and its ostensible job was to protect the Chinese frontier from the Bolsheviks. As events turned out, the Chinese frontier needed protection more from the other Russians, as shown by the recent protests by China in connection with high-handed molestation of Chinese cruisers on the Amur.

There is in this telegram of yesterday, however, much that cannot be squared with our advice from Japan. The tendency in Japan, so far as it was plain enough to be detected in the Japanese newspapers, was to follow the Allied lead, and withdraw from the Russian adventure. The *Yomiuri*, for one, was advising the Japanese government to come out of it. Other papers were complaining that it was a profitless adventure, and should be abandoned. The Japanese don't like making war for nothing. It is true that a member of the Seiyukai party, Mr. Tomidzu, was given much space in *Kokumin* to argue for bigger effort in Siberia. It may be that his arguments have prevailed. They were simple enough. As translated, he said the other people were all quitting, and the Japanese force was so small that it must either be increased or withdrawn. He was for increasing it. The Bolsheviks were an enemy of civilization and the human race, and the human race should go and chastise them in a thorough-going manner. If the others would not help, Japan should do it single-handed. He reminded his countrymen that once the Bolsheviks were driven out of Siberia, they would be able to get at the numerous gold mines, and tell timber, to meet the outlay involved. The *Jiji* was non-committal, though it was strong on the danger of Bolshevism spreading (like a disease) even into Japan. This disease theory is shared by many Europeans, and we are perverse enough to consider it silly. It is certainly not a communicable disease, but one due to conditions. Avoid the conditions, and you are immune. Admiral Kolchak, the anti-Bolshevik, has done more than any man to spread Bolshevism in Siberia, by spreading the "conditions." It is

officially stated by the Omsk Information Bureau that the soldiers in Krasnoyarsk are forbidden to read the Siberian newspapers, under penalty of death. That indicates that the Siberian newspapers are Bolshevistic, for one thing. It also shows how the conditions are being spread by Kolchak. A soldier who learns that he is to be shot for merely reading a newspaper is bound to have Bolshevistic thoughts. Suppose the Financial Gang were to get complete control of the Hong Kong Government, and ordain that anybody caught buying the *China Mail* would be hanged. How would you feel? Wouldn't you conclude that you'd very much like to buy and read it, that there must be something in it? The influence of a big Japanese army in Siberia would probably be similar. The suspicions engendered by their presence would tend to spread the very thing they go to fight, just as the brutalities and tyrannies of Kolchak have done. Bolshevism would die a natural death if it were let alone, for it is unworkable. At the most it would survive as a piquant opinion.

BREAKFAST PROBLEM.

What is the shape of the taste of an egg? You know what shape the egg is. What is the shape of its taste? Is the taste confined to any part of the egg? No. Experience shows that every part of the egg has taste, and the answer therefore seems to be that the taste of the egg is exactly the same size as the egg, and consequently the same shape. A man who believed (or pretended to believe) that the matter of the egg is all that exists, and that the taste is an illusion, might be called a "materialist." A man who believed (or pretended to believe) that the matter of the egg is a mere phenomenon, ephemeral, transient, and that the taste is the real and immortal essence of it, would have to be called something else. That's up to you. But do not be hasty. Anything that can be clearly conceived is capable of existing, and the taste of egg does exist. We can recall it. It is not an eternal taste, however, as eaters of eggs at Chinese dinners are aware. Egg taste is as mutable as the egg itself. Thus we discover by logic and reason that the taste of an egg is the same size as the egg, the same shape as the egg, as real as the egg, and as mortal as the egg—that is to say, that it exists while the egg exists, changes with it, and goes when it goes. Objection may be raised here that the smell remains. So it does, for a while, but you don't. We are dealing, moreover, with a good egg. The taste is there, inside the shell, enclosed by the follow causes, and that by biting the egg we shall perceive the taste of it. The egg is extended in space, and is divisible. Yet reason balks at regarding the taste as divisible. We shrink from describing the taste as an inch and a half long and an inch thick. If the egg fails to the floor, we know it has weight. The taste goes with it, but we do not therefore say that taste is affected by gravitation. The problem becomes more complicated if we bring in the idea of taste (or memory of taste) from the actual experience of taste, and as we cannot spend all day over breakfast, we will leave it here.

SHIPPING PERSONALIA.

Captain A. V. Harrison, of the "Wenchow," is on leave. Captain J. Legge, from reserve, has gone master, "Wenchow." Mr. J. R. Seed, third engineer, "Wuchang," is on reserve. Mr. J. K. Agnew, acting second engineer, "Wuchang," has gone third engineer, same ship. Mr. W. K. Burns, second engineer, "Kwelin," has gone second engineer, "Wuchang." Mr. J. Callender, second engineer, "Singer," is on leave. Mr. R. E. Bisset, second engineer, "Chili," has gone second engineer, "Singer." Mr. W. G. Ramsay, from reserve, has gone second engineer, "Yingchow." Mr. A. F. Johnson, supernumerary second officer, "Choyang," has gone second officer, "Koonshing." Mr. E. R. Huntington, second officer, "Koonshing," has gone supernumerary second officer, "Choyang." Mr. W. Moore, supernumerary second officer, "Tuckwo," has resigned. Mr. A. McEwen, from leave, has gone chief engineer "Tuckwo." Mr. L. McWilliams, acting chief engineer, "Tuckwo," is on reserve. Mr. L. Grobe, second officer, "Hsing-fung," has gone chief officer, same ship. Mr. C. Monk, from reserve, has gone second officer "Hsingkong." Mr. P. E. Anderson, second officer, "Hsingkong," has gone chief officer, "Kungping."—*Shipping and Engineering.*

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar is worth 4/2 11/16d.

Government notification No. 592 declaring Weihaiwei an infected port has been rescinded.

The s.s. "Takano Maru," (Capt. Ogawa) sailed for Keelung this morning. She takes no cargo.

The s.s. "Poating," (Capt. Ritchie) sails for Canton at 5.30 p.m., to-day with a cargo of coal.

The s.s. "Kashima Maru," (Capt. Sako) sailed for Whampoa at 6 a.m., to-day with a cargo of coal.

The s.s. "Mohon," (Capt. Leichovetsky) sails for Macao at 5 a.m., to-morrow with a cargo of salt.

The s.s. "Hanoi," (Capt. Morvan) sails at 10.30 a.m., to-morrow for Haiphong with 500 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "Muroto," (Capt. Takeno) sailed for Tokuyama at 6 p.m., yesterday with a cargo of coal.

The Band of the "Nub" will play at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, to-night. There will be dancing at 9 p.m.

Mr. G. Turner, building secretary, Chinese Y.M.C.A., returned to the Colony on the s.s. "Teau," yesterday.

The s.s. "Poating," (Captain Ritchie) arrived from Hong Kong this morning with 2,000 tons of coal for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Mohon," (Captain Leichovetsky) arrived from Saigon yesterday with 1,000 tons of salt for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Katsura Maru," (Capt. Yamamoto) arrived from Batavia yesterday with 1848 tons of sugar for Hongkong.

The s.s. "Namkam," (Captain Thirlwell) sails for Haiphong at 8 a.m., to-morrow with 50 tons of general cargo.

The s.s. "War Trooper," built by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., will be launched at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

The s.s. "Kunghong" (Captain Chanchai) arrived from Shanmi yesterday with 25 tons of general cargo, and one bag of mails.

Mrs. M. A. Simoes, wife of Mr. Simoes, of the Standard Oil Company of New York left for Shanghai by the s.s. "Sunning," this morning.

The s.s. "Batavia," (Captain Lepretre) arrived from Shanghai yesterday with 4491 tons of general cargo and 1 European passenger.

A Chinese youth, in attempting to alight from a moving tram-car in Wan-chai yesterday, fell under the wheels and was crushed to death.

The s.s. "Sunning," (Capt. Benson) sailed for Shanghai at noon to-day with 1,000 tons of general cargo and 6 European passengers.

Mr. J. Arnold, secretary, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., left the Colony this morning by the s.s. "Glenade," for Yokohama.

The s.s. "Teau," (Capt. Scott) arrived from Tientsin via Swatow yesterday with 290 tons of general cargo, 10 European passengers and 97 bags of mails.

A Chinese committed suicide on Caroline Hill, on Monday afternoon, by cutting his throat with a razor. Financial difficulties are stated to have been the cause.

Mr. F. W. Gibbins, sub-manager, of Messrs. Wilkinson, Heyward and Clark, Ltd., was amongst the passengers who left the Colony by the s.s. "Glenade," this morning.

The annual swimming race across the Hongkong Harbour, under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, has been fixed for Thursday next, October 16, at 5 p.m. sharp.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman L. Railton, of the China and Japan Directory, and Chronicle Co., Powell's Buildings, returned to the Colony from the North by the s.s. "Teau."

The Night Signals of the Hongkong Local Storm Signal Code will, for the future, be displayed on the Observatory wireless mast, as well as on the Tower of the Kowloon Railway Station, on H.M.S. "Tamar," and on the Harbour Office flagstaff.

An outburst of jealousy, on the part of a husband caused him to scold his wife with boiling water. The woman has been removed to the Government Civil Hospital. The husband was arrested by the Police and charged at the Magistracy, yesterday, before Mr. N. L. Smith, with wounding and cutting his wife. Remanded for a week.

SPORTS.

CRICKET.

A "Garrison" trial match, with a view to selecting a representative team to play against the Club on Monday next, took place on the Military ground, Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon, between teams selected from "Officers" and "Other Ranks," the first-named being captained by Col. Humphrey, D.D.M.S., and the "Others" by C.Q.M.S. Talfourd. The Officers won by 16 runs. On paper, the "Officers" looked like having things all their own way. They got the "Others" out for 65, and then made 67 runs for the loss of six wickets. As the teams were playing 12 men a side it seemed that the Officers would double the score made by their opponents, but Connor, after having 7 runs knocked off his bowling, took the last 6 wickets for a total of four only. Scores:—

OTHER RANKS.

C.Q.M.S. Talfourd, c. Davies b. Edwards..... 4
Corpl. Mann, b. Davies..... 21
Corpl. Horrocks, b. Edwards..... 0
Gr. Perkins, b. Davies..... 6
C.S.M. Heath, run out..... 4
Sergt. Alhorne, b. Davies..... 1
Q.M.S. White, c. Cavanaugh, b. Edwards..... 7
Pte. Filmer, b. Davies..... 1
Sergt. Connor, b. Davies..... 16
Pte. Rhodes, b. Cavanaugh..... 6
Gr. Baines, b. Cavanaugh..... 2
Gr. Middleton, not out..... 6
Extras..... 6

Total..... 69

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.
Davies..... 15 1 33 5
Edwards..... 12 3 28 3
Cavanaugh..... 2.3 1 2 2

OFFICERS.

Col. Humphrey, c. Baines..... 7
Capt. Gray, c. Perkins, b. Baines..... 23
Col. Coles, b. Baines..... 13
Maj. Edwards, c. Mann, b. Alhorne..... 3
Lt. Cavanaugh, b. Connor..... 15
Capt. Murray, c. Horrocks, b. Baines..... 3
Capt. Davies, stpd. Mann, b. Connor..... 4
Rev. Bandle, c. Horrocks, b. Connor..... 11
Lt. Cary, not out..... 1
Capt. Oliver, c. Alhorne, b. Connor..... 0
Lt. Larkcom, stpd. Mann, b. Connor..... 1
Capt. Green, b. Connor..... 1

Total..... 85

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.
Baines..... 12 2 32 4
Alhorne..... 8 2 31 1
Connor..... 5.1 0 11 6
Horrocks..... 1 0 6 0

LAWN BOWLS.

SHANGHAI'S LUCK CHANGES.

The Shanghai bowlers who have made themselves the favourites of local bowling enthusiasts by their accurate play, and the convincing manner in which they defeated the Kowloon C.C. and the Kowloon B.C., met with a rather heavy defeat at the hands of the Tai-koo Club last evening. The game which was played on the Kowloon Bowling Club's green did not prove to be as exciting as the two previous matches, and was one-sided from the very start. Tai-koo played a very steady game, while the form displayed by the visitors was rather disappointing.

A description of the match follows:— Tai-koo obtained the lead by scoring a point in the first end, and kept in front till the fourteenth end, when Shanghai again drew level. Tai-koo made victory sure by scoring 5 points in the nineteenth end, and, finally, won by 7 points, the score standing as follows:—Tai-koo, 21 points; Shanghai, 14 points.

The scores were as follows:—

TAIKOO. SHANGHAI.
McLouchlin, McDougall.
Morris, McCallum.
Hamilton, Malcolm.
Ferguson (Skip), McMurdo (Skip).

Heads. Shots. Total. Shots. Total.
1 0 1 0 0
2 0 1 1 1
3 1 2 0 1
4 1 3 0 1
5 1 4 0 1
6 2 6 0 1
7 0 6 2 3
8 1 7 0 3
9 1 8 0 3
10 0 8 3 6
11 0 8 1 7
12 1 9 0 7
13 0 9 1 8
14 0 9 1 9
15 4 13 0 9
16 0 13 2 11
17 0 13 2 13
18 1 14 0 13
19 5 19 0 13
20 2 21 1 14
21 0 21 0 14

Shanghai meet the Civil Service, on the Civil Service links, to-day, and will play the Police, on the latter's links, at Happy Valley, to-morrow.

On Saturday, the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association are entertaining the visitors to dinner at the Hongkong Hotel.

HONGKONG HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS.

A great deal of attention is at present being given to the necessity of improving the approaches and berthing accommodation of the port of Shanghai, for an investigation into which by expert engineers a sum of Tls. 300,000 has been set aside. The problem here is one principally concerned with depth; the necessity of deepening the approaches and the harbour itself to accommodate the large steamers which, it is generally believed will, within the next ten or fifteen years, be trading to the Far East.

In the harbour of Hongkong, the question of depth of water, though exigent in many portions of the harbour, is not as important as that of securing protection against the typhoons that visit the port during the summer and early autumn.

Both harbours are of great importance to the development of the trade and shipping of China, the one serving the rich and populous central provinces that surround the Yangtze basin and the other the equally fertile area of South China, including the great city of Canton and its hinterland.

While the two ports are not in the least likely to come into rivalry with each other, it is obvious that both require the utmost watchfulness on the part of the authorities lest, by lagging behind the developments of ship construction, they be superseded, as ports of transshipment, by some enterprising harbour lying within a few hundred miles of their gates, a catastrophe that would cause both to fall back to the position of mere ports of call for vessels in the coasting trade.

In the case of Hongkong, while depth is a factor of some importance, the problem of rendering the harbour safe during the passage of a typhoon is of the greatest urgency since a storm of this nature makes it necessary for vessels to leave their moorings in the harbour and seek shelter in the smaller inlets with the loss of two, and sometimes more, days in the loading or discharging of cargo.

With winds from the north or south, the harbour of Hongkong, owing to its narrowness, is fairly well protected, while the distance of the weather shore with the wind from the east is not sufficiently great to cause serious inconvenience. With strong winds from the westerly quadrant, which blow from north-west to south-west when a typhoon has landed higher up the coast and is passing north of the Colony, as is very frequently the case, the long fetch from the island of Lantau, at the western extremity of the harbour, causes a dangerous sea to get up which, even with only half-a-gale, renders it dangerous for vessels to lie at their moorings.

In an effort to give protection from this dangerous westerly sea, it has been proposed to throw a breakwater from Green Island to Stonecutters Island, a distance of about three miles, with a causeway upon it, Green Island and Hongkong being connected with a high-level bridge beneath which vessels could pass, and Stonecutters and the Kowloon peninsula, probably at Lai-chi-kok, with a low-level bridge opening to allow Canton river steamers to pass.

Apart from the expense of such a project, which would doubtless be enormous, constructional difficulties of a serious nature are known to exist. The unstable mud is of considerable depth and stone-laden junks which have been experimentally sunk in the vicinity are known to have entirely disappeared, even their masts sinking out of sight, and the amount of stone required to build up a breakwater from the firm bottom would be prodigious.

Such a breakwater, however, would make of Hongkong harbour a safe anchorage during typhoon weather where to-day a stiff breeze from the western quadrant holds up all cargo work, and it would appear to be the duty of the Government to follow the lead of Shanghai and set aside a sufficient sum to obtain the advice of the world's best experts as to how the port can best hold its own in the strenuous competition for the shipping trade of South China.—*Shipping and Engineering.*

A FIND IN THE HARBOUR.

Being Mr. N. L. Smith this morning a boatman was charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of pig-iron. Defendant said that his junk was lying off the China Merchants' wharf, at West Point. When he was pulling up the anchor, he found the iron clinging to it. He was bringing it to shore and was met by a constable. Inspector Cashman said that there was some truth in the man's story. The iron when brought to the Station was wet. His Worship discharged defendant.

JEALOUS LOVERS.

Three men loved a lady. She favoured one. The other two attacked him. He was sent to the hospital, and the jealous friends were both arrested. They were brought before Mr. Lindell this morning charged with assault. The case was remanded.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MEURER FRERES AND ANDERSEN MEYER.

(To the Editor of the *China Mail*.)

Dear Sir,—We beg to refer to the article which appeared in several South China newspapers some days ago, concerning the sale of the firm of Messrs. Meurer Freres, which is not quite correct.

In reality, the Head Office of Messrs. Meurer Freres, which was up to now in Canton, has been transferred to Paris. It is only the China business of the firm which passed in the hands of Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd. who are associated with Messrs. Meurer Freres as members of the Pacific Development Corporation of New York. Please insert ratification accordingly and send us two copies of your paper after insertion.

Please find copies of letters exchanged on this subject with our bankers.

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Ch. NORTH,
Manager.

Canton, October 8.

COPIES.

Dear Sir,—We beg to inform you that we have this day transferred the whole of our China business to Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd. Our Head Office has been transferred to Paris where a new company under the name of Etablissements Meurer Freres has been constituted this day.

Business will be continued as before, the Etablissements Meurer Freres being associated with Messrs. Andersen, Meyer & Co., Ltd., as members of the Pacific Development Corporation of New York.

Transactions with Etablissements Meurer Freres are to be made as before under the name of Meurer Freres, the undersigned keeping his Power of Attorney on behalf of the new Etablissements Meurer Freres.

Yours faithfully,
PER PRO. MEURER FRERES
Canton, October 1 1919.

Dear Sir,—As we have acquired the business in China of Messrs. Meurer Freres and the taking over all assets and liabilities disclosed to us from this date, we would ask you to open an account for our company and to transfer to same the certified balance owing to you by Messrs. Meurer Freres.

The business will be continued exactly as before under the management of Mr. Ch. North who has full power to act on behalf of our company and we hope to continue in the same pleasant relations with your goods.

A temporary letter of authorization on behalf of our company has been given to Mr. North pending receipt of formal power of attorney which has to be executed in our head office in Shanghai and registered in the Consulate there.

As any incomplete business in the hands of Meurer Freres will be taken over by us, it may at times be convenient to draw in the name of Meurer Freres for which purpose Mr. North retains his power of attorney for said firm.

Yours faithfully,
ANDERSEN, MEYER
& CO., LTD.
Manager.

Canton, October 1, 1919.

A BLAKE PIER SCENE.

WHEN IS A POOR MAN RESPECTABLE?

The rows of seats at Blake Pier were recently re-painted and orders were given to the Police on duty, not to allow any one to dirty them and that only respectable persons were allowed sitting accommodation. A Chinese constable yesterday saw a coolie, coatless and shoeless sitting on the third row. He went up to him and ordered him at once to move from his seat, and leave the pier. The order was only half obeyed. The coolie went along to the railing, and looked on to a launch lying alongside. The constable again asked him to leave and instead he seated himself on another row. The constable then took him under arrest.

He was this morning fined \$1 by Mr. Smith.

By whom and by what authority was such an order given? How is a policeman to tell who is respectable and who not? Is this not another gratuitous affront to mere poverty? We wish they wouldn't do these things. The charge for seats is sufficient protection for respectable people.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NOTES.

His Excellency the Governor has signified his intention of being present at the Hongkong Gymkhana Club meeting on Saturday.

His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the conclusion of the Hongkong Defence Corps Cadets Company's sports at V.R.C. on Saturday.

CRICKET NOTES.

[Special to the China Mail.]

[By "Cricket."]

The first League match of the season, which was fixed for Saturday last, between the University and the Indian Recreation Club, had to be postponed because the University, claiming that they had not been given sufficient notice of the match, were unable to raise a team. The result was no doubt welcomed by both sides. The Indians want a great deal of practice more, while the University are waiting patiently for the new men who are supposed to be on their way out from England. It will be a great blow if the new men, having been through the war, will not be able to play any more cricket.

With Brayshaw, Marley, Wright, Redmond, and Sunny to form the nucleus of a team, the University should be able to carry on for some time. The form of the first two matches was watched, for they will most probably determine their place in the Hongkong team against Shanghai and British Malaya.

As time passes, now men are coming into the limelight among the possibilities for the Hongkong inter-port team, and I fancy that the selectors will not have an easy time of it. It is to choose a team made up of, say, seven bowlers (four of whom must be change bowlers), three batsmen, and a wicket-keeper. It is indeed hard to select from among the Colony's talent at the present time.

The latest "stars" in the local cricket firmament are E. W. Day, G. Blaker, and Major Edwards. These three players may be generally added to the list of those whose claims will have to be considered for the inter-port team. The fact that H. Hancock has not yet turned out this season would seem to indicate that he has definitely given up cricket. This is a loss to the Colony, although at the present time Hongkong is certainly short in batting.

At an attempt to pick a seven to represent Hongkong may seem ridiculous just at present, but it may interest a few, so here goes. The wisest choice is the wicket-keeper. A. A. Claxton, who besides being a batsman, is in the Colony as one of its soundest bats. The picking of three bowlers is not so easy. Capt. P. Havelock, Davies, and D. E. Donnelly are fairly certain to be chosen. The difficulty comes in the finding of the third bowler pure and simple. There is G. Blaker, of the R.C.C., and Sgt. Athorne, of the same team. I do not know whether the selectors will take the wise step of including both these cricketers, so that there will be four bowlers in the team.

The only argument against the inclusion of both or either of these men is that it might be thought that Hongkong will be sufficiently strong with only two opening bowlers, and long as the team includes three or four other good change bowlers, who will be up to the class which Shanghai and Malaya will be able to bring to this Colony. Then, for the change bowlers there are K. Brayshaw, Major Edwards, Lt. Col. Cole, and G. E. Marley. That means that seven players have been filled. T. E. Pearce, R. Hancock, A. E. Wood, and C. J. Stapleton should surely be selected for the other places.

My team therefore works out as follows: T. E. Pearce, R. Hancock, A. E. Wood, C. J. Stapleton, K. Brayshaw, Major H. M. Edwards, Lt. Col. Cole, G. E. Marley, A. A. Claxton, Capt. P. Havelock, Davies, and D. E. Donnelly. And still we have been forced to leave out P. W. Day, G. Blaker, Col. Humphreys, G. Baines, Sgt. Athorne, P. H. Cobb, Ng Sze Kwong, A. Brand, and H. O. Hutchinson.

The match being played on Monday next between the Hongkong C.C. and the Garrison should prove a good opportunity to test the abilities of the players to show their abilities for should this pair be able to take the place of the very good team that is representing the Hongkong C.C., the selectors must take into serious consideration whether or not both these cricketers should not be in the Hongkong team. D. E. Donnelly has not turned out in a match yet, though he has been putting in some practice. This may indicate that he will not be in the Colony by the end of next month.

I take it that the Garrison team for Monday will include Lt. Col. Cole, Lt. Col. Taylor, Col. Humphreys, Major H. M. Edwards, Capt. P. H. Davies, Capt. Gray, Capt. Murray, Lieut. McConnell, Lieut. Cameron, Sgt. Athorne and G. Baines.

The importance of fielding was simply proved on Saturday last, when the Hongkong C.C. met and defeated the Recreation C.C. Fielding was never a strong point with the Hongkong Club team, and on that day this department was as weak as ever it

THE INFLUENCE OF SPIRITS.

SELF DEFENCE AGAINST DRUNKARDS.

Following a party, where there was drinking and merry-making, a number of men were conversing in a happy mood, when all of a sudden one got up, ran into the kitchen, obtained a knife, and joined his friends again. His movements were not steady and he alarmed those around him. Waving the knife above him, he threw it to one of his friends. This friend thinking he was to be set upon, armed himself with a thick ruler, and attacked his drunken friend, and made his head bleed. The attacker was arrested. He was before Mr. Smith this morning, who bound each over in a personal bond of \$50 to keep the peace for six months.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS.

The following weddings are announced to take place shortly.—Mr. U. C. Galluzzi, ship's broker, Messrs. Geo. Grimble and Co., to Miss Christina Bancroft of No. 17 The Peak; and Mr. J. S. Rodrigues, of the North China Insurance Co., Ltd., and assistant scoutmaster, 1st Hongkong Troop of Boy Scouts, to Miss Carmelina Vicencia Leon of No. 23 Shelley Street.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"Some French."—Habit. Both those foreign genders, anyway. The culprit, however, is *chis sei*. A.D.S.—We will investigate. For such an exposure we must be armed with proof.

was. How few cricketers in Hongkong can, with one session of the arm, field a ball and aim it at the wicket, as Capt. Davies was doing. How few can show such intelligent anticipation of each stroke on the bat as Blaker was doing so frequently and with such gain to his side. Mr. Marshall, at the annual meeting of the Hongkong C.C., impressed on his hearers the importance of fielding. He did not exaggerate when he said that many a match has been lost through a dropped catch.

Last Saturday, for instance, Stapleton was dropped when he had "reared" about 20. E. L. Braga had a life when he had collected 24 runs. Capt. Gray was let off almost as soon as he got into double figures. Ng Sze Kwong gave an easy catch when he was in the fifties, and Omar was let off at least four times long before he came anywhere near 40. The ground fielding of the Hongkong team against Kowloon was not at all good.

A. E. Wood, last season's crick testman, who scored more than any other man in all cricket, has started none too well this season, having been run out twice in succession. Inasmuch as he is one of those cricketers who are the delight of spectators, all enthusiasts will hope that for him the coming season will be a very successful one. Wood is worth a place in any team as a fielder alone.

Cricketing will not be doing so badly this season as many imagined. As the Police are not putting in a team for the League, Cricketers will continue to play for Cricketers and a Fire Brigade team named Alexander will be a very useful result.

The Indian Recreation Club did not over themselves with glory last Saturday when they were opposed to a very ordinary scratch team captained by F. G. Thompson. Omar and Abbas, who, if they stood by their nationality, should be in the Indian team, obtained the bowling honours for the scratch team, while Burke, a young bowler with a very fast and straight delivery, was the most successful of the six bowlers tried by the Indians. The Indians are playing Kowloon on Saturday week, and will be fortunate if they are not very badly beaten.

Ng Sze Kwong, the mainstay, backbone and "spinal cord" of the Chinese cricket team carried off the honours for the highest score compiled last Saturday. One does not like to think what will happen to the Chinese Club if it has to do without the services of this splendid all-round cricketer for a long period.

The proposal has been made that a European v. Oriental cricket match be played some time later in the season. Many will hope that such a match can be arranged. The orientals should not disgrace themselves—if a team composed of A. H. Rumjahn, A. A. Rumjahn, G. C. Earle of the Indian R.C., Ng Sze Kwong, Yew Man Tsun, Un Hwa Fan, G. Lee and H. Ching of the C.R.C., R. Pestonji of Kowloon, M. H. Abbas and U. Omar of Cricketers, can all be induced to remember that they are all of the East.

WHO REMEMBER DROPPING CARTRIDGES.

A Chinese was brought before Mr. Lindsell this morning and charged with the unlawful possession of 15 rounds of ammunition. Defendant said he had picked the cartridges up in the New Territory.

A European Sergeant said it was quite possible that the defendant had picked them up, as they were very rusty. He believed that people going out shooting might have dropped some. Nevertheless, His Worship fined the defendant \$5.

HOW THEY LIE.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Lindsell this morning with the unlawful possession of a water-pipe. Defendant said the pipe was his present to his cousin in Canton, but who had returned it again to him. Inspector MacDonald said a district watchman saw defendant in the act of pawing the pipe, and he arrested him. Defendant said the pipe belonged to his friend. His friend in Court absolutely denied this. Defendant continuing said his friend was lying. He had owed him some money, and being unable to pay, he was instructed by him to pawn his water-pipe. Defendant was fined \$10 or 14 days.

SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

List of vessels in port this morning.

British.	Japanese.
Paoting	Akita Maru
Circus	Shisen Maru
Pheumphen	Taiwan Maru
Kwangse	Katori Maru
Sunning	Bujun Maru
Haitan	Sobu Maru
Yuensang	Amakusa Maru
Bessie Dollar	Katsura Maru
Taikoo Wan Yi	
Chinese.	
Kunghong	
Mohong	
Liensheng	
Chakshang	
Yatsing	
Changchow	
Haimun	
Kolya	
Kaifong	
Jason	
Laisang	
Dutch.	American.
Limburg	Olen
Ajax	Tancerville
Tijlhoet	
Portuguese.	French.
Hoi Ping	Hanoi
Inter-Ally.	
Batavia	

CRICKET.

H.K.C.C. v. GARRISON.

For the cricket match H.K.C.C. versus Garrison to be played on the Cricket Ground on Monday, Oct. 13, commencing at 10 a.m., the following will represent the H.K.C.C.—C. H. Blaker, R. Brand, P. H. Cobb, A. A. Claxton (Capt.), E. W. Day, A. L. Gage, E. Lammer, E. J. R. Mitchell, A. B. Raworth, J. Stalker and R. P. Thurstield, C. W. H. Johnstone (Reserve).

The only entry on to-day's return of communicable disease is that of two cases of gastro-enteritis.

President Wilson spoke for two minutes to the ladies who assembled to hear him at San Francisco. The ladies must have been disappointed, but the Japanese authorities should be glad that he did not speak for three minutes. For in that two minutes he said that America remained quiet while Germany made a raid on Shanghai, so why should she make a noise when Japan—

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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THIS Department will be Open for all purposes till Noon on MONDAY, the 13th October. LICENSED WAREHOUSES will be entirely CLOSED on that day.

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Superintendent.

Imports and Exports.

Hongkong, October 9, 1919.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 13th instant.

Hongkong, October 9, 1919.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (for account of the concerned), on

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THE CORONET.

CHINESE MANUSCRIPTS
AT THE BRITISH
MUSEUM.

In a show-case in the King's Library there are now on view a number of Chinese documents of remarkable antiquity. It will be remembered that in 1907 Sir Aurel Stein, in the course of an archaeological expedition through the deserts of Eastern Turkestan, came upon a very large hoard of Buddhist and other manuscripts at the cave temples of the Thousand Buddhas near Tunhuang, which is situated on the extreme north-western frontier of Kansu. It appears that this library had been walled up as a measure of precaution when the armies of Hsi Hsia, or Tangut, in the years 1034-37, and its existence seems subsequently to have been forgotten. Only in the early years of the present century was the cell accidentally discovered by a Taoist priest. When clearing away the masses of sand that had accumulated at the entrance, the manuscripts were in a wonderful good state of preservation; thanks to the extreme dryness of the atmosphere in that remote region, or the effect of the desert of Gobi; many of them, indeed, look almost as if they had come straight from the pen of a modern scribe. Sir Aurel Stein was successful in acquiring a large portion of this ancient library, amounting to several thousand rolls, which two years later were safely deposited in the British Museum. Since then examination of the texts has shown that while the majority are sutras and other works forming part of the Buddhist canon, there are also a very considerable number of classical fragments, scraps of general literature, and miscellaneous documents of a very varied description. Many bear dates ranging from about 400 to 1,000 A.D.

The selected specimens shown in the King's Library include several magnificent examples of calligraphy. Two of these have colophons with dates corresponding to 506 and 515 A.D. Another—a beautiful copy of the Manuśmṛiti-sūtra, chapter 28—though not dated, is probably about a century older still, judging from the archaic character of the script. In the colophon of the Avalokiteśvara-sūtra, copied as an act of merit by the Buddhist disciple Yin-shu in 690 A.D., the Chinese scholar will notice the peculiar form of certain characters. A decree ordaining that these characters should always be so written was issued by the eccentric Empress Wu, who usurped the throne from 684 to 704, and altered the name of the dynasty from Tang to Chou. These capricious changes, however, did not survive her fall from power. The different varieties of paper used are often useful in determining the approximate date of a manuscript; thus, one roll containing part of the Saddharma-piṇḍarika-sūtra is composed of rich golden-yellow paper, perfect in texture and quality; it belongs, like most of the rolls in the Museum, to the seventh century, or early Tang period.

Taoist literature is represented by a long fragment of the *Tao Te Ching*, or Sayings of Lao Tzu, apocryphal sayings of the same philosopher, and two other treatises, hitherto unknown, of the later Taoist school. As to the contents, it is the fragments of secular literature that are perhaps most interesting. Under this head we have a piece of the *Spring and Autumn Annals* the only work known to have been written by Confucius himself, and about half the Book of Filial Piety. There are some curious notes on fruits and other articles of diet, apparently forming part of an extensive work, which may be the forerunner of the well-known *Pen Tsao*, or Herbal, still extant; a fragment of a miscellany, which is interesting as a prototype of the later encyclopaedia so popular among the Chinese; a series of agricultural maxims which strongly recall the style of Hesiod's "Works and Days"; a calendar for the year 978, with neatly executed drawings of a Star-God and other lesser deities; a tattered fragment of a Chinese book of divination, once well thought of doubt by eager devotees; a priest's diploma, and a list of sacrificial offerings for the soul of a deceased lady. One of the exhibits which does show unmistakable signs of age, and had had to be strengthened with gauze, is a small roll containing part of an official census of the families living in the prefecture of Tunhuang. This is actually dated 416 A.D. It is startling to reflect that when this document was written Rome was still mistress of the Western world, and neither Angles nor Saxons had yet set foot on the shores of Britain.

Besides the manuscript rolls, two fine specimens of block-printing are shown, also from the cave copies of the popular Diamond Sutra, which, according to the colophon, was respectfully made for universal distribution by Wang Chieh on behalf of his two parents on the 15th day of 4th moon of the 9th year of *Hsien T'ang*, a date which works out as May 11, 868. As figures in the text, there is quite an elaborate wood-carving of Buddha, who is seen sitting in state amid numerous attendants, and instructing his disciple Subhuti. The work of the block-cutter has been executed with technical skill of

WEATHER REPORT.

October 8d. 12h. 21m. No return from Vladivostok, Japan or Formosa. Pressure has increased slightly over N.E. China, and decreased slightly over Indo-China and London.

The anticyclone is central near Shanghai. A depression is shown to the east of Japan. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea. Long-range rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 70.33 inches, against an average of 78.06 inches. Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on October 10th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. N.E. winds, fresh; fair.
2.—Formosa Channel. N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Loochoo. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

ROYAL OBSERVATORY,
HONGKONG, DAILY WEATHER
REPORT.

OCTOBER 9, 1919.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction.	Force.	Weather.
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Outsai	5 a.	30.07	53	94	NW	4	
Sharp Pk.	5 a.	30.10	70	76	W	1	
Amoy	5 a.	29.98	79	75	NW	4	
Swatow	5 a.	29.96	70	100		1	
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